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Sale of Satchels and Bags
Slightly Soiled, at Half Price.
 75 Satchels and Bags of all kinds, slightly soiled and shop-worn, to be sold at a great sacrifice.

TALK FULL OF INTEREST

Lecture by Miss Susan Blow on the Kindergarten.

IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT

An Attentive Audience Heard Her Discourse, which Was Pronounced One of the Most Brilliant Heard in Years.

Before a large and appreciative audience last night at the Woman's Club, to which she was presented by Governor Montague, Miss Susan Blow, one of the most distinguished educators in the country, delivered, under the auspices of the Richmond Education Association, a lecture pronounced by those who heard it to be the finest and most scholarly of its kind ever heard in Richmond.

Miss Blow is a native of Norfolk, Va., but many years of her life were spent in St. Louis, where she was instrumental in introducing into the public school the kindergarten system. More recently she has been traveling over the country delivering lectures. She is at this particular time just entering upon a tour through the South, where she hopes to arouse greater interest in the kindergarten method which has already taken hold in other sections of the land. From here she will go to Norfolk, and then to Greensboro, Charleston, Knoxville, New Orleans, and possibly to Miami, Fla., a distinguished scholar, and has written several well known books.

The subject discussed last night by Miss Blow was "The Kindergarten," about which she is, through her long and successful experience, well qualified to speak. After an introductory reference to the fact that Americans are the most romantic people in the world, and that the principle of the education of the people is grounded in the Declaration of Independence itself, she went on to discuss the various phases of the subject which she had undertaken for the evening. She spoke of the necessity of early training of the child, and the importance of the period between the ages of four and six, the period when the child is forming his ideas and ideals. The atmosphere of the early school is not adapted to this early age of the pupil, and the child needs the kind of training which is given in the kindergarten.

WAS SHUT UP WITH IT

Dr. Curd Will Tell His Experience With Smallpox.

The Church Hill doctors expect to have a most interesting discussion of smallpox to-night at the residence of Dr. W. H. Parker. The leader will be none other than Dr. Isaac Curd, who has certainly been in closer contact with the disease than any physician in this community. For weeks he has been shut up with cases after case, seeing nobody but his patients. He knows the disease thoroughly, and his experience with it will be interesting to his colleagues. At the time of Dr. Curd's agreeing to nurse the smallpox patients, his practice of self denial and devotion to duty won the admiration and gratitude of the city.

SAENGER HALL OPENING

Mr. Lawler Will Entertain His Friends This Evening.

Old Saenger Halle, rejuvenated, repainted, refurnished, and refitted, will be formally opened to the public to-night at which time the famous M. J. Lawler, will tender his friends and the public an opening feast, with a musical program, and some good things to eat.

Mr. Lawler is well known as the proprietor of the Merchants' Cafe, which he will continue to conduct in connection with his new place.

Ladies' Degree Conferred

The wives and daughters of Masons had a delightful time at Smithfield Hall last night when the ladies' degree was conferred. In the administration of the honors, Worshipful James H. Capers was assisted by Miss Edna Bloomberg. Following these exercises an attractive musical program was charmingly rendered.

ELMER COLLINS IS ACQUITTED OF GUILT

(By Associated Press.)
 GEORGETOWN, DEL., March 25.—Elmer Collins was to-night acquitted of the charge of killing his wife, Ida. The case was, after being on trial for two weeks, given to the jury at 9 o'clock to-night, and the verdict was rendered four hours later.

Meet Next in Washington

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW ORLEANS, La., March 25.—The convention of the Woman's National Suffrage Association came to a close to-night, after a session presided over by Mrs. Austin Stone Cullen, of Canada. The next convention will be held in Washington, D. C.

EBY LOST THE MATCH

Clearwater Won Out by Good Margin Last Night.

SHERMAN DOESN'T REPLY

Good Attendance at the Last Series of the Tournament at Saenger Halle. Championship Trophy On Exhibition at Tuxedo

W. H. Clearwater, of Pittsburg, twice champion pool player of the world, last night defeated Grant Eby in the final 200-point game of a 600-point match at Saenger Halle, in the presence of a large crowd of enthusiastic lovers of pool.

Mr. Eby has already defended the Brunswick-Balke championship emblem twice during a period of less than a year that it has been in his possession, and although he was defeated in his present match by Mr. Clearwater, his work was marked at times by brilliant and long runs, the highest number of balls pocketed by him without missing being fifty-six, while his opponent secured at one time forty-five.

It is very fair to Mr. Eby to say that the element of luck was not in his favor; a number of brilliantly successful shots leaving him where it became a necessity for him to either play safety or make a reckless and costly shot, while on the other hand the balls broke more favorably for Mr. Clearwater.

Mr. Gus Michelbacher, proprietor of the Tuxedo Billiard and Pool Parlors, deserves much credit for the enterprise he has shown in going to a large expense in fitting up Saenger Halle for the contest and guaranteeing the purse for which the experts contended.

Arrangements are under way with the Westmoreland Club to schedule a game at the club-house this afternoon, when Mr. Eby and Mr. Clearwater will give another exhibition in a 200-point game for the benefit of the club members.

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PRINCIPALS IN THE POOL CONTEST.

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GOOD LUCK BAKING POWDER

Baking Powder.
MAMMA SAYS IT'S THE BEST, AND SHE KNOWS.
SOLD IN TRAIN-LOADS.

UNDER THE LIME LIGHT

The Best Drill of All at the Confederate Fair.

Under colored lights, the girl soldiers, commanded by Captain Josephine Sullivan, gave the most satisfactory drill of all at the Confederate Fair last night.

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LAND BILL IN HOUSE

Nationalists Cheer Reading of the Measure.

WERE STIRRING SCENES

Lord Abercorn and John Redmond Shake Hands—Scheme is One That Will Cost Millions and Will Bring Peace to Ireland.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 25.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the government's long anticipated Irish land bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. It proposes a grant of \$50,000,000, for the purpose of the bill. Tenants are to pay three and one-fourth per cent. interest on loans from the government. Mr. Wyndham said he thought the scheme would not involve \$50,000,000, but that \$750,000,000 could safely be advanced on Irish land. The advances to tenants are limited to \$2,500 in the congested districts, and \$5,000 elsewhere. The bill also provides that untenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants, and that these commissioners to be known as State Commissioners shall supervise the sales. The names of the three commissioners are Michael Finucane, secretary to the Bengal Revenue and Statistical Department; Frederick B. Warran, now one of the Irish Land Commissioners, and William B. Bailey, one of the assistant commissioners on the Irish Land Commission. They will be under the general control of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The bill will become effective November 1st.

GREAT THROG.

The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which, it is hoped, will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was shown by the crowded House. The record gallery and the distinguished stranger's gallery were filled, and there has been no such gathering of members of Parliament since the opening of the session. In the diplomatic gallery sat United States Secretary Henry White, an interest in the bill was shown by almost every Irish peer present to Mr. Wyndham's exposition of the bill.

From an early hour this morning the stone benches from the House of Commons overflowed with the members of the lobby. They were packed with impatient Irishmen, among whom were many priests. Most of these went away without seeing even the inside of the executive chamber, the galleries of which were crowded all day. Michael Davitt, the "father" of the Land League, celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday by re-entering the House for the first time since he ceased to be a member. In order to hear the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Mr. Wyndham rose to speak. When the galleries found his speech a feeling of relief was revealed on all sides.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, said little, and other prominent Liberals went with the admission that it was "a good bill."

STRIKING SCENES.

The first reading of the bill was followed by a rush to the lobby where ensued scenes that might well make the late Mr. Parnell turn in his grave. Earl Dudley could be seen amidst a crowd of Nationalists who scarcely a year ago would rather have suffered every penalty than associate with the official house of the Irish Government. Beside Lord Dudley stood the grizzled little Sir Anthony MacDonald, the former National Irish Secretary, Horace Plunkett, Lord Aungervill, Lord Ashbourne and many Unionists joined the group. The Duke of Abercorn, the most powerful landlord in Ireland, asked to be introduced to John Redmond, and a friend brought the Duke to the leader of the Nationalist party, with whom the leader of the Irish landlords heartily shook hands, and they parted on the peace of Ireland over the House of Commons reform bill.

NO FLOOD STOCK.

Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered when he arose to speak in the House, announced at the outset that the government thought cash aid was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation. He then unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenants. The advances will be in the form of a stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated. It will be called "Guaranteed 2 1/4 per cent. stock," and will be redeemable for thirty years. Mr. Wyndham said that if \$50,000,000 of the stock would be needed. It will be issued at the rate of \$5,000,000 yearly for the first three years, and afterwards possibly in larger sums. In addition to this the government proposed to raise a \$100,000,000 to be raised by additions to the stock, the interest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the treasury, and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,500,000. Against this charge on the British treasury, the government proposes forthwith to commence reductions in the cost of administration amounting to \$1,250,000 per annum forever.

Proceeding, Mr. Wyndham dealt with the details of the bill, which contains a bewildering mass of figures, showing how advances will be made and the terms of repayment, but it seems in the main to be on the lines laid down by the land conference, and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants. In the course of his speech, which was punctuated by cheers, Mr. Wyndham said the landlords of Ireland were being ruined financially, and that the tenants were being ruined morally, and the tax-payers of England were paying \$700,000,000 per annum to the land commission, and \$7,000,000 to the Irish police, which largely was needed to deal with illegalities arising from the land question.

MISS LEE TO RECEIVE.

In compliance with the request of many of the admirers of her distinguished father, who desire to pay their respects to her, Miss Mary Lee has consented to receive her friends and the public generally at the Bazaar from 9 to 10 o'clock. This will give an opportunity to the many who desire to meet this much esteemed lady.

A Small Fire.

The clothing store at No. 13 North Seventeenth Street, across from the First Police Station, was slightly damaged last night by a fire, which originated on the second floor. The blaze was quickly extinguished, and the loss will be small. No one was injured, and the firemen were at the place only a short time.

WELL AND STRONG AFTER FIVE YEARS' SUFFERING.

Snuffs and Inhalers Did No Good. —Pe-ru-na Cured. A Commodore's Letter.



Mr. Peter Schaefer.

Pe-ru-na is Known From the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Dr. Hartman is Receiving Hundreds of Letters of Congratulation and Commendation Daily.

All Classes Write These Letters, From the Highest to the Lowest.

ANY man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. Catarrh is well-nigh universal, almost omnipresent. Peruna, an absolute safeguard known to all, is the only cure of catarrh. To prevent colds, to cure colds, is to cure catarrh out of its victims. Peruna not only cures catarrh, but prevents it.

Catarrh affections may be acute or chronic, mild or severe, ephemeral or permanent, lasting or fleeting, painful or distressing.

Mr. Peter Schaefer, Commissioner of High Ridge, 4444 Morten Street, High Ridge, Ill., writes:

"I am a perfectly well and strong man to-day, thanks to Peruna. I suffered for five years with an unpleasant catarrh of the head, aggravated if I caught the least cold. No snuff or inhalers helped me any, but five bottles of Peruna cured me and I give you my unstinted praise for your medicine. It deserves it."—Peter Schaefer.

trivial, but they all have one origin, one cause—catarrh. They all have one cure—Peruna.

A Host of Witnesses—Peruna a Catarrh Cure That Rests on the Unquestioned Testimony of Thousands.

This is an age when theories have little or no weight on the average mind, but actual demonstration is demanded. The busy people of to-day have neither time nor inclination to speculate, and turn with distrust from everything that does not plainly bear the stamp of fact